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E.O. 22652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR STRAUSS MEETING WITH CANADIANS

1. DURING HIS APRIL 10 VISIT TO GENEVA, AMB. STRAUSS MET BRIEFLY WITH AMB. WARREN, CANADA'S MTN COORDINATOR IN OTTAWA WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMB. GREY, HEAD OF THE CANADIAN MTN DEL. U.S. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED AMBASSADORS MCDONALD AND WOLFF. THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL, DEALING MAINLY WITH ELECTION PROSPECTS IN CANADA AND COMMON PROBLEMS RE JAPAN.

2. WARREN SAID THAT A JUNE ELECTION WAS A STRONG PROBABILITY AND GAVE HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RETURNED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABSENCE OF MINISTERS IN THE KEY MONTH OF JUNE MIGHT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR CANADA TO SECURE QUICK DECISIONS ON MTN MATTERS. HE WAS, HOWEVER, MAKING CONTINGENCY PLANS SO THAT MTN ISSUES COULD BE PROPERLY HANDLED DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. WARREN WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT AMB. STRAUSS' ACCOUNT

OF THE STRONG PRESSURE BEING EXERTED BY THE U.S. TO SECURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE JAPANESE OFFER. WARREN STATED THAT THE JAPANESE HAD SUBMITTED A NON-OFFER WHILE CANADA HAD TABLED AN OFFER THAT SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE TO JAPAN. HE POINTED TO THE DANGERS OF UNRAVELING IF A POOR JAPANESE OFFER CAUSED OTHER COUNTRIES TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF THEIR OFFERS. STRAUSS INDICATED WE SHARE A COMMON CONCERN WITH CANADA, SUCH AS IN THE FOREST PRODUCTS AREA, AND ASSURED WARREN THAT THE U.S. WOULD KEEP CANADA INFORMED ABOUT OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN.

4. EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT LACK OF PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE, (GRAINS IN PARTICULAR,) WARREN ASKED WHETHER STRAUSS COULD ENVISAGE PRESENTING A PACKAGE TO THE CONGRESS WHICH CONTAINED LITTLE ON AGRICULTURE. STRAUSS RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD NEVER ACCEPT SUCH A PACKAGE AND THAT AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS REMAINED A HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE U.S.

5. WARREN CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF FISH CONCESSIONS FOR CANADA, UNDERLINING THE POLITICAL AND REGIONAL ASPECTS OF THE FISHERY SECTOR IN CANADA. CANADA WAS LOOKING FOR ACCESS IN JAPAN AND THE EC IN ADDITION TO ITS ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THE U.S. MARKET. THUS FAR, SAID WARREN, THE EC AND JAPAN HAD OFFERED VIRTUALLY NOTHING IN THE FISHERY AREA.  
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